

MARRICKVILLE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB

CLUB CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR MEN'S AND MIXED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

General Rules

1. Club Championship matches will be played in accordance with the laws of Bowls Australia (BA) and the general Conditions of Play governing all Association Championships issued by the Royal NSW Bowling Association (RNSWBA).
2. The Match Committee is responsible for all Club Championship events, as Controlling Body. The Match Committee will comprise three bowling members elected by the Board of Directors.

3. **RNSWBA Conditions of Play**

Major Singles
Pairs
Triples
Fours

Club Conditions of Play

Minor Singles
Mixed Pairs

Any other events as may be determined by the Match Committee.

4. Entry for Club Championships is to be made on the entry forms located on the Notice Board. Complete teams only are to be nominated for all events. Upon nomination, a player shall pay green fees prior to each round of competition and in so doing accepts all Conditions of Play.
5. The Match Committee will make the draw for each event. All championship draws are to be made on an open draw basis. The draw for each event will be posted on the notice board with the timetable of playing dates. Not less than Fourteen (14) days' notice will be given of the play or forfeit date of the 1st round together with the play or forfeit dates of remaining rounds on which games will be played.
6. Games should be played by the specified date unless deferment is granted under Rule 8. Should the deferred playing of the round not be completed by the time of the next scheduled round, the team that requested the deferment will forfeit. In the case of Finals, any re-scheduled date must not be more than two (2) weeks from the original date.
7. Games may be played prior to the scheduled playing date, by mutual agreement between the players or teams concerned, and subject to availability of green space and other scheduled events, as appropriate.
8. Upon application to the Match Committee, deferment will be granted to players engaged in Australian, State, Zone or District matches, and to players forming part of a Club team engaged in a major tournament approved by the RNSWBA, provided that tournament has been specifically granted State order of precedence, when such matches conflict with Club Championship games.
9. Players who have entered, or have been selected for external events with higher order of precedence, are expected to notify the Match Committee of the dates involved as soon as possible.
10. The Match Committee will exercise every effort to ensure there is no clash between Championship games.

11. In all Club Championship games, thirty (30) minutes is allowed after the scheduled and agreed starting time for the game (commencement of roll-ups) for a late player or team to arrive or a substitute found, after which the Match Committee will award the game to the non-offending player or team.
12. A member who plays R.N.S.W.B.A governed Club Championships or State Pennants for another affiliated club, is not eligible to play R.N.S.W.B.A governed Club Championships at Marrickville Bowling and Recreation Club in the same calendar year.
13. It is expected that Club Championships will be played in the true spirit of sportsmanship and that the application of commonsense will resolve most issues.
14. The Match Committee may, under special circumstances, vary these Conditions of Play. They may alter a draw, change the number of ends to be played, change the days and times of play, change greens or make other such adjustments as are deemed necessary to complete an event.

Singles Championships

1. A member may enter both the Major and Minor Singles Championships.
2. A member who has previously won a Major or Minor Singles Championship at Marrickville Bowling and Recreation Club or any other bowling club is not eligible to play in the Minor Singles. New playing members of the Club are expected to declare their previous achievements, if any, to the Match Committee.
3. Players must find their own marker in the first round of a singles championship. Losing players must be available to be markers in the next round. Markers for the next round to be determined by the toss of a coin if a dispute arises between the two losing markers. The Club President or his delegate shall be the marker for Major Singles final and the Minor Singles final.

Mixed Pairs

Each member of a team may play in any position. The introduction of a substitute must not alter the composition of the team i.e. the substitute must be of the same sex as the player being replaced. Substitutes are not allowed to skip.

Duration of Games

1. Major and Minor Singles will be first to 31.
2. Pairs, Fours will be 21 ends.
3. Triples will be two (2) bowls, 25 ends.
4. If a Pairs, Triples or Fours game is drawn at the end of allotted ends, an additional end will be played.

Substitutes and Replacement Players

For all Club Championship events, requests for substitutes or replacement players require the prior approval of the Match Committee. Substitutes are not allowed to skip.

Forfeiture

In the circumstance where a player/team determines that they will be unable to continue to compete in a particular Club Championship event, the following rules will apply:

- a.* During a game – if the game has not reached the target score (for singles) or the scheduled numbers of ends have not been played, the forfeit will be awarded to the opposing player/team, in that round.
- b.* Post a completed game and/or prior to the next scheduled game – the forfeit will be awarded to the opposing player/team from the next round.

Disputes

1. In the event of disputes arising during the playing of Club Championships, the Match Committee is charged with the responsibility of resolving them with the parties concerned.
2. If amicable agreements cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors.

Match Committee (Elected 17/09/2014)

C. Smith, B Goodall, P Lange

THESE CONDITIONS OF PLAY ARE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS